

members are disposed to support the left and right side surfaces of the light guide plate 122.

[0062] Also, in the first, second, and third exemplary embodiments described above, the second guide member 15c provided in the bottom chassis 15 may be formed by modifying a part of the bottom chassis 15. However, in a sixth embodiment shown in FIG. 8, a guide member 19 may be fabricated separately from the bottom chassis 15, and then installed in the bottom chassis 15.

[0063] In the sixth embodiment, the guide member 19 may include an installation part 19a disposed in parallel to the bottom rear part 15a forming the rear surface of the bottom chassis 15 and installed in the bottom rear part 15a, and a guide part 19b protruding from the installation part 19a in the front direction and supporting a side surface of the light guide plate 122.

[0064] As described above, since light supplied from the light sources is diffused through the diffusion member and then incident to the side surfaces of the light guide plate, it is possible to prevent the generation of a bright area and a dark area around the side surfaces of the light guide plate.

[0065] Although a few exemplary embodiments have been shown and described, it would be appreciated by those skilled in the art that changes may be made in these exemplary embodiments without departing from the principles and spirit of the disclosure, the scope of which is defined in the claims and their equivalents.

What is claimed is:

1. A display apparatus comprising:
  - a display panel;
  - a light guide plate disposed behind the display panel;
  - at least one light source disposed to face at least one side surface of the light guide plate; and
  - at least one guide member disposed between the at least one side surface of the light guide plate and the at least one light source, the at least one guide member being configured to support at least one of a front part of the at least one side surface of the light guide plate and a back part of the at least one side surface of the light guide plate.
2. The display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the at least one light source comprises a substrate and a plurality of light emitting diodes (LEDs) arranged on the substrate to face the at least one side surface of the light guide plate, and the guide member supports the LEDs and the at least one of the front part of the at least one side surface of the light guide plate and the back part of the at least one side surface of the light guide plate.
3. The display apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:
  - a middle mold configured to support the display panel; and
  - a bottom chassis configured to accommodate the light guide plate therein,
 wherein the at least one guide member is disposed in at least one of the middle mold and the bottom chassis.
4. The display apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the at least one guide member is integrated into the middle mold and protrudes from the middle mold.
5. The display apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the at least one guide member is formed by modifying a part of the bottom chassis.

6. The display apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the at least one guide member is formed as a separate component relative to the bottom chassis, and matingly engaged in the bottom chassis.

7. The display apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the at least one guide member comprises:

- an installation part extending parallel to the bottom chassis; and
- a guide part protruding from the installation part and supporting the at least one side surface of the light guide plate.

8. The display apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a diffusion member disposed between the at least one guide member and the at least one side surface of the light guide plate, the diffusion member being configured to diffuse light.

9. The display apparatus according to claim 8, further comprising a transparent member disposed between the at least one guide member and the diffusion member.

10. A display apparatus comprising:

- a display panel;
  - a light guide plate disposed behind the display panel;
  - a middle mold configured to support edges of the display panel;
  - a bottom chassis configured to accommodate the light guide plate;
  - a plurality of light emitting diodes (LEDs) disposed to face at least one side surface of the light guide plate;
  - a first guide member disposed in the middle mold between the at least one side surface of the light guide plate and the plurality of LEDs, the first guide member being configured to support a front part of the at least one side surface of the light guide plate; and
  - a second guide member disposed in the bottom chassis between the at least one side surface of the light guide plate and the plurality of LEDs, the second guide member being configured to support a back part of the at least one side surface of the light guide plate,
- wherein the first guide member is spaced from the second guide member, and faces the second guide member.

11. The display apparatus according to claim 10, further comprising a diffusion member disposed between the first guide member and the second guide member and the at least one side surface of the light guide plate.

12. The display apparatus according to claim 11, further comprising a transparent member disposed between the first guide member and the second guide member and the diffusion member.

13. The display apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the second guide member is formed as a separate component relative to the bottom chassis, and matingly engaged in the bottom chassis.

14. The display apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the plurality of LEDs are aligned to face an upper side surface and a lower side surface of the light guide plate, and a pair of first guide members and a pair of second guide members are provided to support the upper side surface and the lower side surface of the light guide plate.

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